

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

TRANSMITTING LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE UNITED STATES-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT—PM 27

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement represents a historic development in our relations with Peru, and it reflects the commitment of the United States to supporting democracy and economic growth in Peru. It will also help Peru battle illegal crop production by creating alternative economic opportunities.

In negotiating this Agreement, my Administration was guided by the objectives set out in the Trade Act of 2002. The Agreement will create significant new opportunities for American workers, farmers, ranchers, businesses, and consumers by opening new markets and eliminating barriers.

Under the Agreement, tariffs on approximately 80 percent of U.S. exports will be eliminated immediately. This will help to level the playing field, since over 97 percent of our imports from Peru already enjoy duty-free access to our market under U.S. trade preference programs. United States agricultural exports will enjoy substantial new improvements in access. Almost 90 percent, by value, of current U.S. agricultural exports will be able to enter Peru duty-free immediately, compared to less than 2 percent currently. By providing for the effective enforcement of labor and environmental laws, combined with strong remedies for noncompliance, the Agreement will contribute to improved worker rights and high levels of environmental protection in Peru.

The Agreement forms an integral part of my Administration's larger strategy of opening markets around the world through negotiating and concluding global, regional, and bilateral

trade initiatives. The Agreement provides the opportunity to strengthen our economic and political ties with the Andean region, and underpins U.S. support for democracy and freedom while contributing to further hemispheric integration.

Approval of this Agreement is in our national interest.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 27, 2007.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2693. An act to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 217. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3580; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2693. An act to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 27, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1983. An act to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3443. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area" (Docket No. APHS-2007-0051) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3444. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies

of Foreign Banks" (Docket No. R-1279) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3445. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Saudi Arabia including equipment and services needed to support a greenfield petrochemical plant; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3446. A communication from the Secretary, Office of Investment Adviser Regulations, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule Regarding Principal Trades with Certain Advisory Clients" (RIN3235-AJ96) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3447. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions of Terms and Exemptions Relating to the 'Broker' Exceptions for Banks" (RIN3235-AJ74) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3448. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service" ((RIN1545-BA72) (TD 9359)) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3449. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Campaign Funds for Donations to Non-Federal Candidates and Any Other Lawful Purpose Other Than Personal Use" (Notice 2007-18) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3450. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the second quarter report of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3451. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a standard competition of the Vehicle Operations and Maintenance function at Travis Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3452. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Oxides of Nitrogen Regulations, Phase II" (FRL No. 8472-4) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3453. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8475-9) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3454. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,